

# WE PLANT THE FOREST, THE FOREST IS PLANTING US!

CALL FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE FORESTATION OF PEŠTER PLATEAU

What: **International volunteer reforestation of the Pešter plateau and production of the film “It Rains Differently”**

Where: **Pešter plateau, close to Sjenica, Serbia**

When: **from August 18<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Applications are open until July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024.  
SEE YOU AT PEŠTER!**

We invite you to join the reforestation of the Pešter plateau, which is organized as part of the scientific and artistic project “Forest Encounters” and the making of the film “It Rains Differently” by Dušica Dražić, in cooperation with the Institute of Forestry in Belgrade and the Forest Management department in Sjenica.

Every summer between 1978 and 1988 thousands of young people from all over the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia volunteered for reforestation. The labor was organized through Youth Work Actions, bringing new generations together in the spirit of Brotherhood and Unity. The author’s father, Milutin Dražić, was the leading forest engineer of this project. He was a witness of the long-term dedication, (volunteer) labour, care and trust (or belief) in the social and political imaginary that are outside the conditions of consumption.

Forty years later 150.000 ha of mature forest dominate the landscape. Despite all the societal changes that unfolded — the collapse of the country, wars, privatizations, ecocides. Despite all the secrets buried within the forest.

“It Rains Differently” steps away from the symbolic realm, producing a new forest while producing the film. In summer volunteers gather once again on the Pešter plateau, but this time they are there not only to plant a new forest, but to participate in the collective making of this film.

## Volunteers are provided with:

- \* Bus transport from Belgrade to Sjenica (Sunday, 18/08) and back (Sunday, 25/08)
- \* Accommodation in Sjenica (double and triple rooms)
- \* Full meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner)
- \* Professional reforestation training, led by forestry technicians from Sjenica

## If you are interested, you need to take several important criteria into account:

- \* You need to be over 18 years old
- \* You need to agree to be filmed and photographed during your stay
- \* You need to be physically fit to work in the field (digging and planting)
- \* The participation of all volunteers is voluntary and unpaid.

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If you are interested in participating **fill out the FORM** or send an inquiry to: **[itrainsdifferently@gmail.com](mailto:itrainsdifferently@gmail.com)**

A detailed work program will be sent to all applicants after the call is closed.

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